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FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

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Japan Patent No. JP 3048509: This reference appears to disclose a bone screw.

Japan Patent Document No. JP 09-000539: English-language abstract provided.

Japan Patent Document No. JP 6-503155: This reference appears to disclose a bone screw.

Japan Patent Document No. JP 5-256311: English-language abstract provided.

Japan Patent Document No. JP 52-124566: This reference appears to disclose a threaded fastener.


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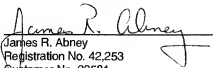
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